

# The **No-Stress** Transport & Safety Guide

The Insider's guide to the  
**Shuttle Offices, Taxi Hacks, and Emergency Protection**



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# The Monte Albán Shuttle Playbook

We recommend just taking the shuttle, (shared van), up to the site and the shuttle provider Lescas Co Tours is the primary operator to get there. They are the longest standing shuttle service in Oaxaca however, they manage two distinct boarding locations with significantly different levels of service.

*To ensure a smooth trip, it is critical that you board at the correct office.*

## ✅ The Pro Choice: Hotel Rivera del Ángel

**The Reality:** This is the company's "Central Base" (Francisco Javier Mina #518). It is the operational hub, meaning departures are punctual, the boarding process is organized, and your seat is guaranteed. We strongly recommend starting your trip here! (see map)

## ❌ The Location to Avoid: The Zócalo Branch

**The Reality:** The Zócalo Branch is located near the main square on Plaza Alameda. This satellite office is frequently criticized for lacking good customer service, being chaotic, hard to find behind market stalls, and prone to overcrowding. To avoid stress and confusion, *we advise against using this stop.*

## The Logistics (Rivera del Ángel Base)

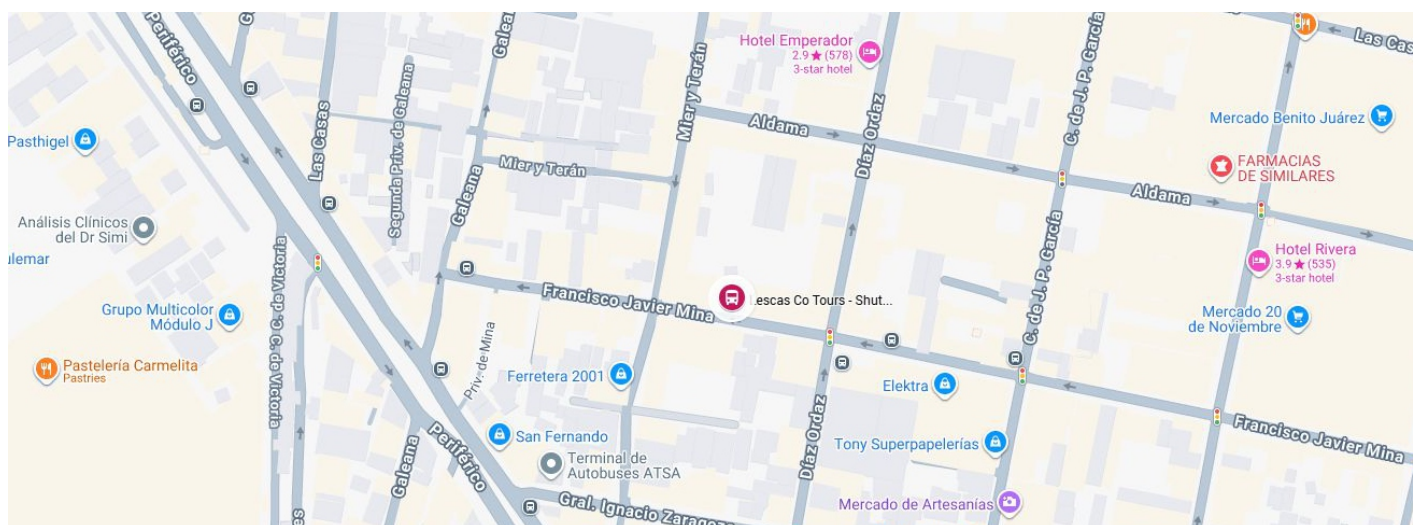
**Location:** Inside the lobby of Hotel Rivera del Ángel.

**Address:** Francisco Javier Mina 518, Centro.

**Google Maps:** [Click here to open](#)

**The Cost:** \$130 MXN Round Trip.

**Note:** There are no one-way tickets. You buy the full round-trip pass. *Make sure you keep your ticket stub!* You cannot board the return van without it.



# The Schedule: The "Safe" Strategy

The shuttle is the most affordable way to travel, but you must live by their clock.

## Departures (City to the Monte Albán)

**First Shuttle Up:** 8:30 AM (Arrive 15 minutes before).

**Frequency:** Every hour.

## Returns (Monte Albán back to the City)

**Frequency:** Every hour

**Last shuttle back:** **2:30 PM (Sharp!)** *Do not miss this shuttle!*

**Time of Trip:** 20 to 25 minutes

# Plan B: The "Freedom" Strategy

Take a taxi! For late risers, photographers, and people who prefer more flexible schedules, the taxi is your best friend. It costs more, but you pay for freedom.

**The Cost:** Fair price from the center is \$150 - \$250 MXN (One Way).

**Getting There:** Hail any yellow taxi in the city. Ask: "¿Cuánto a las ruinas de Monte Albán?"

**The Return Trick (*Crucial*):** Taxis are not always waiting at the ruins so don't count on them. Do this instead. When your driver drops you off, ask for their WhatsApp/Phone Number.

**Say This:** "¿Puedo pedir su número para el regreso?" (Can I get your number for the return?). He might ask for the time, "¿A qué hora terminas?" (What time will you be done?). And you can either give him the time or just tell him that you will call him 30 minutes before leaving, "Le hablo treinta minutos antes por favor."

***DO NOT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITHOUT GETTING HIS NUMBER.***

**The Result:** You are now the boss of your own schedule. And if something happens and he doesn't answer his phone or he doesn't show up, don't worry. MAHC's got your back on the next page!

# The "Super Emergency" Safety Net

If you lose your wallet, miss the last shuttle, the taxi doesn't show up, or you feel unsafe/stranded, we have your back.

We have arranged **Emergency Contacts** with trusted friends of the Monte Albán Heritage Center.

**Save these numbers in your phone right now.**

## **Emergency Contact 1: Luis Ramírez**



**+52 1 951 118 4534 (International)**  
**951 118 4534 (Local)**

## **Emergency Contact 2: Gabriel Sánchez**



**+52 1 951 122 6037 (International)**  
**951 122 6037 (Local)**

**For Any Other Emergency Call**

# 911

The chances you will need any of these numbers is scant. You will almost certainly have a great time and everything will work out according to plan but *it is nice to have a safety net, isn't it?* ;)



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